

Special Meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee

Tuesday, July 29, 2014, 6:30 PM

School Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

286 Main Street, Pawtucket Rhode Island 02860

Minutes

I. Meeting will come to order

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, called the special meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

a. Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Araujo-here

Ms. Cano and Mr. Tenreiro were not in attendance.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Patricia DiCenso, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Kathleen Suriani, Elementary School Performance Officer, Ms. Melissa Devine, Chief Financial Officer and Mr. Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel for the School Committee.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, led the audience in the Pledge of

Allegiance.

II. Public Participation

Comments from the public are invited at this time. Citizens wishing to speak should sign in with the Committee Chair before speaking. The Committee is precluded from discussing or acting on items raised by Public Comment, which are not already on the agenda. Public comment will be included in the minutes of the meeting.

None

III. Executive Session

The Chairman commented that the committee would recess to executive session in accordance with provisions under Title 42, Chapter 46, subsection 5(a) (2) (legal advice and litigation/collective bargaining) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island for the purpose of acting on and/or discussing:

a. Legal consult on Pawtucket Administrators Association (PAA) contract

b. Seal Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Spooner moved to recess to executive session. Ms. Bonollo seconded.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

The Committee recessed to executive session at 6:37 PM to 7:06 PM.

IV. Reconvene to open session

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, reconvened the open session at 7:07 PM.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-here; Mr. Coughlin-here; Ms. Nordquist-here; Mr. Spooner-here; Mr. Araujo-here

V. Report out vote(s) of executive session of 7/29/14, if applicable

The clerk reported that the Committee voted unanimously on a collective bargaining matter. The Committee also voted unanimously to seal the executive session minutes and to adjourn the executive session with five members present.

VI. New Business – Action Items

a. Approval of 2014-2015 Transportation Contract

Mrs. DiCenso: We are trying to update and have a contract in place to expedite.

Ms. Devine: Bill Roche is the contact for First Student. I met with him about two weeks ago and was waiting for legal counsel to review. The appropriate changes were made and sent back to Mr. Roche who approved it.

Ms. Bonollo moved to approve the 2014-2015 Transportation Contract. Mr. Coughlin seconded.

Mr. Spooner: I'm under the impression we can add and subtract runs?

Mr. Anderson: Yes.

Ms. Bonollo: Call the vote.

Roll call

Ms. Bonollo-yes; Mr. Coughlin-yes; Ms. Nordquist-yes; Mr. Spooner-yes; Mr. Araujo-yes

Motion carries unanimously with five members present.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. DiCenso: Melissa, Kathy and I are working hard at getting everything in place. It's looking good. We've had new federal mandates and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is being audited, so we had to be careful that those monies are being approved correctly.

VIII. Special Reports of School Committee Members

Ms. Bonollo: We received our grant from Bristol County Savings Bank who gave the backpackers \$5,000.00. We have about \$13,000.00 and will have to raise about \$7,000.00 in order to sustain the program for the upcoming school year. The Back to School Celebration is continuing to allow us to use their 501c(3) at no charge. I would like to see the poverty report in October. We are working toward giving out 250 bags per week.

August 16 is the Back to School Celebration and we will be there. It's 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM inside McCoy Stadium.

I'm working on get healthy Pawtucket with Pilates, yoga, karate and a rock wall to have activity during the day. The city and the Pawsox are involved and the date is to be determined.

The Soup Kitchen joined the Pawtucket Backpackers too.

Mr. Coughlin: Have a great night.

Ms. Nordquist: I'd like to welcome Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson is a former School Committee Member. Welcome, it's good to see you back.

Mr. Spooner: Ditto Mr. Coughlin and Ms. Nordquist.

Mr. Araujo: I'd like to thank everyone for coming out tonight.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Bonollo moved to adjourn. Mr. Spooner seconded.

Voice vote carries unanimously with five members present.

The Chairman, Mr. Araujo, adjourned the special meeting of the Pawtucket School Committee on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk

Approved by School Committee 9/10/14